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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 6, 12-13, and 21 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 2, 4-5, 7-10, 14-15, 17-19, and 22-26 as follows:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) The dispenser of claim \pm 7, said lid presenting a product dispensing port formed therein, said product dispensing port communicating with said container interior.
3. (Original) The dispenser of claim 2, said lid including a hinged flap moveable between a closed position wherein said flap is in covering relationship to said port and an open position whereby said port is uncovered.
4. (Currently Amended) The dispenser of claim \pm 7, said lid comprising a channel defined by said bottom face and said lid sidewall interior surface.
5. (Currently Amended) The dispenser of claim \pm 7, said lid having unitary construction and being formed of an injection-molded, synthetic resin material.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The dispenser of claim 6,~~ A moist product dispenser comprising:

a container having an interior for storing the moist product and presenting a circumferential

container sidewall; and

a lid coupled with said container,

said lid comprising a circumferential lid sidewall presenting an interior surface,

said interior surface including a circumferential, protruding ridge presenting top and

bottom faces,

said top and bottom faces obliquely and substantially co-directionally sloping away

from the lid sidewall interior surface,

said ridge adapted for contacting said container sidewall and forming a flexible seal

between said container and said lid,

said container presenting a top orifice, a bottom wall, and an outwardly protruding rib

formed in the container sidewall proximate said top orifice,

said ridge engaging the container sidewall between the top orifice and said rib.

8. (Currently Amended) The dispenser of claim + 7, said ridge being in nonthreadable engagement with said container sidewall.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The dispenser of claim 1,~~ A moist product dispenser
comprising:

a container having an interior for storing the moist product and presenting a circumferential
container sidewall; and

a lid coupled with said container,

said lid comprising a circumferential lid sidewall presenting an interior surface,

said interior surface including a circumferential, protruding ridge presenting top and
bottom faces,

said top and bottom faces obliquely and substantially co-directionally sloping away
from the lid sidewall interior surface,

said ridge adapted for contacting said container sidewall and forming a flexible seal
between said container and said lid,

said container sidewall and said lid comprising complimentary threading for securing said
lid to said container.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The dispenser of claim 1,~~ A moist product dispenser
comprising:

a container having an interior for storing the moist product and presenting a circumferential
container sidewall; and

a lid coupled with said container,

said lid comprising a circumferential lid sidewall presenting an interior surface,
said interior surface including a circumferential, protruding ridge presenting top and
bottom faces,
said top and bottom faces obliquely and substantially co-directionally sloping away
from the lid sidewall interior surface,
said ridge adapted for contacting said container sidewall and forming a flexible seal
between said container and said lid,

said container presenting a top orifice and said container sidewall including a beveled section
proximate said top orifice.

11. (Original) The dispenser of claim 10, said beveled section presenting a
downwardly divergent slope away from said top orifice.

12-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The dispenser of claim 13;~~ In a moist product dispenser
comprising a container having an interior for storing the moist product and presenting a
circumferential container sidewall, and a lid coupled with the container and presenting a
circumferential lid sidewall having an interior surface, the improvement comprising:
a circumferential, inwardly protruding ridge provided on the lid sidewall interior surface,

said ridge presenting top and bottom faces which slope obliquely and substantially co-directionally away from the lid sidewall interior surface,

said ridge engaging the container sidewall and providing a flexible seal between the container and the lid for preventing moisture loss from the container interior,

the container presenting a top orifice and a bottom wall, and an outwardly protruding rib formed in the container sidewall section proximate the top orifice,

said ridge engaging the container sidewall section between the top orifice and the rib.

15. (Currently Amended) The dispenser of claim ~~12~~ 14, the lid being of unitary construction.

16. (Original) The dispenser of claim 15, the lid being formed of an injection-molded, synthetic resin material.

17. (Currently Amended) The dispenser of claim ~~12~~ 14, said ridge being in nonthreadable engagement with said container sidewall.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~The dispenser of claim 12;~~ In a moist product dispenser comprising a container having an interior for storing the moist product and presenting a

circumferential container sidewall, and a lid coupled with the container and presenting a circumferential lid sidewall having an interior surface, the improvement comprising:

a circumferential, inwardly protruding ridge provided on the lid sidewall interior surface,
said ridge presenting top and bottom faces which slope obliquely and substantially co-
directionally away from the lid sidewall interior surface,
said ridge engaging the container sidewall and providing a flexible seal between the
container and the lid for preventing moisture loss from the container interior,
said container sidewall and said lid comprising complimentary threading for securing said
lid to said container.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~The dispenser of claim 12,~~ In a moist product dispenser
comprising a container having an interior for storing the moist product and presenting a
circumferential container sidewall, and a lid coupled with the container and presenting a
circumferential lid sidewall having an interior surface, the improvement comprising:

a circumferential, inwardly protruding ridge provided on the lid sidewall interior surface,
said ridge presenting top and bottom faces which slope obliquely and substantially co-
directionally away from the lid sidewall interior surface,
said ridge engaging the container sidewall and providing a flexible seal between the
container and the lid for preventing moisture loss from the container interior,

said container presenting a top orifice and said container sidewall including a beveled section proximate said top orifice.

20. (Original) The dispenser of claim 19, said beveled section presenting a downwardly divergent slope away from said top orifice.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) The dispenser of claim ~~21~~ 25, said flexible ridge presenting top and bottom faces which obliquely and substantially co-directionally slope away from the lid sidewall interior surface.

23. (Currently Amended) The dispenser of claim ~~21~~ 25, said port comprising a plurality of intersecting slots.

24. (Currently Amended) The dispenser of claim ~~21~~ 26, said lid secured to said container by a snap-down fastening system.

25. (Currently Amended) ~~The dispenser of claim 21,~~ A moist product dispenser comprising:

a container having an interior for storing the moist product and presenting a circumferential container sidewall,
and a lid coupled with the container and presenting a circumferential lid sidewall having an interior surface,
said lid further presenting a top wall,
said lid comprising a dispensing port formed in said top wall communicating with said container interior and a hinged flap moveable between a closed position wherein said flap is in covering relationship to said port and an open position whereby said port is uncovered,
said lid further comprising a flexible ridge protruding inwardly from said lid sidewall interior surface and in nonthreaded engagement with said container sidewall and providing a seal between said container and said lid for preventing moisture loss from said container interior,
said lid secured to said container by a screw-down fastening system.

26. (Currently Amended) ~~The dispenser of claim 21;~~ A moist product dispenser comprising:

a container having an interior for storing the moist product and presenting a circumferential container sidewall,

and a lid coupled with the container and presenting a circumferential lid sidewall having an interior surface,

said lid further presenting a top wall,

said lid comprising a dispensing port formed in said top wall communicating with said container interior and a hinged flap moveable between a closed position wherein said flap is in covering relationship to said port and an open position whereby said port is uncovered,

said lid further comprising a flexible ridge protruding inwardly from said lid sidewall interior surface and in nonthreaded engagement with said container sidewall and providing a seal between said container and said lid for preventing moisture loss from said container interior,

said container presenting a top orifice and said container sidewall including a beveled section proximate said top orifice.

27. (Original) The dispenser of claim 26, said beveled section presenting a downwardly divergent slope away from said top orifice.